

SIGN UP FOR A LONG LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT "DRIVE-THRU TRICK OR TREAT" STOP ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30!

Due to having a wildly successful event last year, the Long Lake Fire Department in partnership with the Slow Burn Brigade is offering "Drive-Thru Trick or Treat" stops again this year! The LLFD Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat event is a fundraiser designed to add a ResQPUMP to our trucks. In exchange for a small donation towards our goal, we deliver treats to you (at a safe social distance) in one of our fire trucks! Here's how it works:

1. Firefighters will drive-thru your neighborhood distributing treats at a safe social distance from their firetrucks to ghouls and goblins in costume at the end of their driveways.
2. Firefighters will be distributing candy from 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 30 to make sure even the littlest devils can safely enjoy Halloween-themed fun.
3. Community members in Long Lake, Orono, Minnetonka Beach and Medina can request a LLFD Drive-Thru Trick or Treat stop by visiting the following link to the Long Lake Slow Burn Brigade's Facebook page. On the page, you'll see the event description that includes a link to the Google Form for requesting a trick-or-treat stop. Someone will reach out within 48 hours of you completing the form.

<https://www.facebook.com/LLFD.SBB/>

4. There are 36 drive-thru spots available on a first come, first served basis. Routes will be established a week before the event and drive-thru times will be communicated via email.
5. **The LLFD is requesting a \$50 donation per stop to help fund the purchase of a new ResQPUMP for the community.** Donation instructions will be sent once a drive-thru request is confirmed.

The ResQPUMP is a hand-held pumping device with a suction cup that is placed on the chest during CIP to perform active compression-decompression CPR (ADC-CPR). When used together, these devices create an enhanced vacuum in the chest that improves blood flow to the heart and brain during cardiac arrest.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Another summer has passed and I hope you were able to get outside and enjoy it. After the unusual summer we had last year, it was terrific that events such as Buckhorn Days and Corn Days returned this summer. Thanks to the many members of our community who help to plan and coordinate such great events.

Hopefully, you had the chance to enjoy some time on or at least on the shores of Long Lake this summer. I would like to thank the members of the Long Lake Waters Association (LLWA) for their continued efforts to improve the water quality in the lake. The LLWA recently contracted with a company to do what is referred to as "box netting" of carp in the lake in an effort to try and reduce the levels of invasive carp in the watershed. Carp are bottom feeders and they disturb submerged vegetation in lakes causing water clarity and quality to be reduced. The netting resulted in more than 1,000 carp being captured in a pilot removal. Recurring removals in the future will help maintain the carp population and will give the opportunity for other habitats and fish to thrive in the lake.

By now, you've most likely noticed signs for future developments on Wayzata Boulevard west of our downtown. 'The Borough', which will be on the west and north side of City Hall, will be the first to be built. The developer has purchased all but one home on the adjacent Virginia Avenue, and demolition permits for those homes have recently been issued. 'The Borough' will be "market rate" townhome-style apartments, and construction is anticipated to begin in late fall or early winter.

The second sign nearby is for Zvago Long Lake, which is just east of the Lake Community Bank. I mentioned Zvago Long Lake in our last newsletter, but it will be a 57 unit cooperative housing complex for residents ages 62 and better. The timeline for construction is not yet solidified as about 40% of the units have been sold and 60% need to be sold before construction can begin.

You may have heard that the Three Rivers Park District proposed a new regional trail through downtown Long Lake that would have connected to the Luce Line, most likely via one of our existing trails. However, after much discussion during several meetings, the City Council voted not to pursue such a trail at this time due to concerns about increasing bicycle traffic through our downtown area, which the Council felt could be a safety issue for pedestrians. In addition, we already have an expansive trail system and the Council felt that connecting our trails with a regional trail system was not imperative at this time.

Enjoy your fall, and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Charlie Miner, Mayor

LONG LAKE 2022 BUDGET UPDATE

The Long Lake City Council approved a proposed 2022 General Fund budget and preliminary payable 2022 property tax levy at the September 28, 2021 regular meeting. The proposed 2022 preliminary operating levy of \$1,213,573 coupled with a required 2022 debt service levy of \$84,335 produces a total 2022 preliminary levy of \$1,297,908. This results in an increase of \$74,525 from the 2021 levy but maintains a 0% increase in the City's tax rate level, and includes a \$9,213 surplus for 2022. The increase and surplus will allow for budgeted funds to be transferred into the Pavement Management Fund to help support future road projects identified in the City's Pavement Management Plan; funding new pedestrian safety improvements at crosswalks and trail crossings; furnace replacements at the Public Works building; and budgeting a transfer to the Carp Management Fund to support funding of future carp harvests and lake water quality improvement projects.

The 2022 preliminary operating budget generally reflects expenditure changes in insurance premiums; an increase in annual Police protection services contract obligations; and employee wage adjustments.

PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS FINAL 2022 BUDGET AND LEVY ADOPTION

A public hearing has been scheduled to discuss the proposed 2022 levy and budget in conjunction with the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.



FALL LEAF PICKUP DATES

City refuse haulers annually provide spring and fall curbside leaf pickup dates along their regular route at no cost to residents. Private refuse haulers will pick up leaves and yard waste on **Tuesday, October**

26 and Tuesday, November 2. Residents are encouraged to set out their bagged leaves (no brush) early in the morning on those days. As a reminder, City ordinance prohibits the burning of leaves or grass clippings. Also, it's a violation of City ordinance to put leaves from your yard into the street. **IMPORTANT! Leaves must be bagged in compostable bags only, no other bags may be accepted.** Most hardware (including Long Lake Gopher Ace) and home improvement stores carry compostable bags.

FALL STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping in both spring and fall helps keep our neighborhoods clean and reduces pollutants in stormwater runoff to protect our waterways. Long Lake fall street sweeping is scheduled to take place during the week of October 18; however, this date range is subject to change as leaves drop and as weather permits.



FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants the week of October 18 through October 22, weather permitting. You may notice discoloration and rust particles in your water during this process. If you

notice discoloration, letting your faucet run for a short time should clear your water lines. Wait to wash light clothing until you notice the water has cleared. Should you have any questions, please call Public Works at 952.476.2855.

LLWA DONATES NEW DOG WASTE STATIONS FOR CITY PARKS



The City of Long Lake would like to recognize the Long Lake Waters Association (LLWA) for their recent donation of four dog waste stations for our City parks! New dog waste stations are now located in Nelson Lakeside Park, Hardin Park, Dexter Park and Holbrook Park and will help dog owners continue to "doo the right thing" and clean up after pet waste. Dog waste that isn't cleaned up isn't just a hazard for the bottom of your shoes — it is also a cause of pollution in creeks, rivers and lakes across the country. Dog waste contains nitrogen and

phosphorus, which can deplete oxygen that fish and other water-based life need to survive, as well as encourage the growth of harmful algae. It is also considered a significant source of pathogens like fecal coliform, a disease-causing bacteria. The LLWA has been busy this year, having also contracted with Carp Solutions to undertake a box netting carp harvest in Long Lake during the summer months. Many thanks again to the Long Lake Waters Association for their generous donation, and for their ongoing efforts to improve water quality in Long Lake!

Interested in learning more about the LLWA or in donating to support water quality improvement projects? Please visit their website at <https://www.longlakewaters.org>, or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/longlakewaters>. They can be reached via email at longlakewaters@gmail.com with any questions you may have. The LLWA is actively welcoming new members.

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